

REMARKS

Claims 86-115 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 98 and 113 to add a sequence identifier to the claims. No new matter has been added.

The Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed December 15, 2008 indicates that a sequence identifier is needed for the RVXXGG(A)S motif recited in claims 98 and 113. The amendments presented herein provide the sequence identifier (SEQ ID NO:79).

The Notice also indicates that an initial or substitute Sequence Listing is needed. Applicants note that a Sequence Listing was previously submitted on March 6, 2007 for this application. Applicants respectfully submit that a substitute Sequence Listing is not needed, as the sequence RVXXGG(A)S (SEQ ID NO:79) recited in claims 98 and 113 is already present in the previously-filed Sequence Listing.

Applicants submit that the present reply satisfies the Office's requirements set forth in the Notice.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is expeditiously requested.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. Please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

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